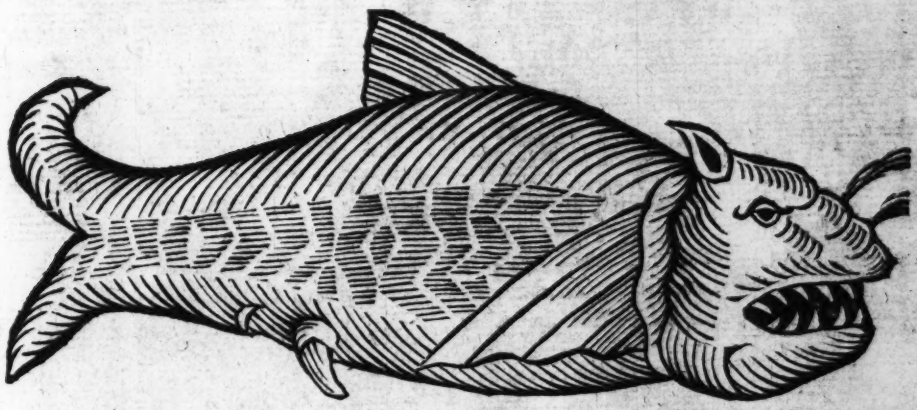
WONDERS
From the Deep
OR A
True and Exact Account and Deſcription
OF THE
Monſtrous Whale,
Lately taken near
COLECHESTER,
Being two and forty Foot in Length, and of Bigneſs Proportionable.
With the manner of itscoming, and being Kill'd on *Thurſday* the 9*th*. of *April*.
Being ſo rare and ſtrange a ſight that multitudes of People from all parts dayly go toſee it as thick as to a Market or Fair.



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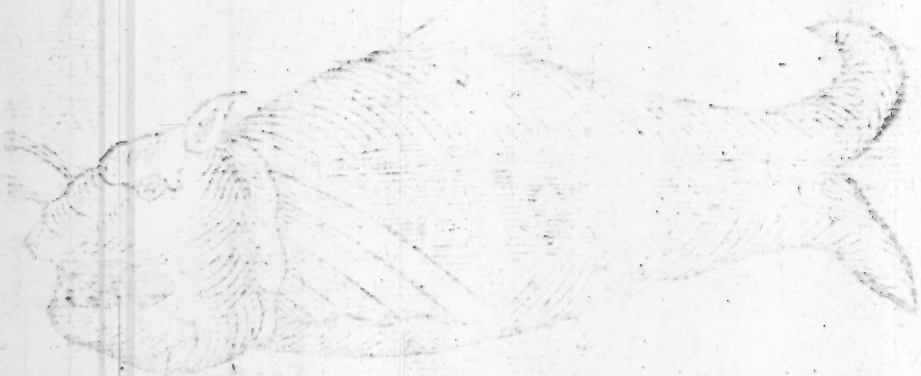

Wonders from the Deep, or a true and exact Account, and Discription of the Monstrous Whale, lately taken near Colchester, &c.

WHen the Breath of Omnipotency gave by his Divine word a being to the universe as he beautified the Chambers of the Firmament, with glittering Stars, the Earth with Beasts, Herbs, and Flowers, so he also endued the Waters with a prolifick quallity, and Stocks the Sea with such a Strange Variety of its own preductions, that 'tis affirmed by some of the Learned, that the Land cannot boast any sort of Animal, but the Ocean can show somewhat Analogous or resemblant.

But amongst all the wonders of the Deep, that which most Summons our Admiration, Is *the Whale*, that floating Castle, or Natural ship, of so vast a Bulk as would make an Ignorant martinet mistake it for an Island; True it is these Princes of the Watry Realm, but I know not what kind of instinct, delight cheifly to keep their Court near the North-Pole, and rarely Wonder far from the Artick Circle; very seldome, scarce once in diverse Ages have one of them been known in our Seas, whence some superstitious People would make it a Prodigy, but since neighther Scripture nor Philosophy, Reason nor Sense Countenance such a Conceit, I must (with their pardon) call all their pretended Experiences, Dotages of Melancholy, and abuses, *Non causa Pro causâ*, no more to be heeded than the Salts falling or a Hares Crossing out of the way, and the like reverend observations of my *Grannum*; but waving this, perhaps to some disrelishing discourse that our Brittish Channel has lately been honoured with one of these stranger guests, for on *Thursday* the 19. of this Instant *April*, between *Tuesey* and *Wooton*, two small places about four miles from each other in the County of *Essex*, and about a dozen or fourteen miles from *Colchester*, the winds having blown hard for several days before, A *Whale* was brought in with the Tide, but being got into a kind of Narrow Creek when the Water fell, he could not get out again, but remained there upon the shallows, beating himself all that Ebb and till the next full Sea, but had before so weakned and disabled himself that he could not then neither get off, in this time being just on the shore he was seen by divers Country people with no small Admiration, having never before seen a Creature of so vast a Bulk,

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on the ſecond day it was alive, being driven near a Rock or at leaſt a ſtony Bank, the violence of its Agitation and ſtriving in ſhort time Kill'd it, and prevented the Tryumph, ſome Fiſhermen thereabout promiſed themſelves, who immagined no leſs Glory by mirthering of it, then St. *George* did by the deſtruction of the Dragon.

After it was dead the Tyde being out, the Dimenſions of it were taken, and it Certainly found to be in length two and forty foot, and in Bigneſs evry way anſwerable, with faſtning Ropes to it, and with ſeveral Teems the Country-men hald it to ſhore, where it now remains the grand wonder and diſcourſe of all thoſe parts, People comming every day to ſee it in multitudes as if they were going to a Market or Fair.

Near twenty Years ago about the ſame place was diſcovered and taken an Extroardinary *Fiſh*, not only for its bigneſs but alſo its ſhape, which was ſo prodigious and unuſual that none though never ſo much accuſtomed to the Seas, could tell its name or remember to have ſeen the like.

Thoſe that would ſee a diſcription of this wonderful Creature called a *Whale* and its nature, may find it incomparably drawn by a Divine pencill in the one and fortieth *Chapter* of *Job*, under the Name of *Leviathan*, to which I refer the pious Reader and therewith conclude with this Relation, of the truth whereof if any be diſſatisfied, the *Colcheſter* Carriers at the *Kings Arms* in *Leaden-Hall-ſtreet*, and the *Croſs-Keys* in *Gracious ſtreet*, can and will be ready fully to inform them.

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